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ANNUAL REPORT
— OF —
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— WITH THE —
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LIST OF OFFICERS.

Town Clerk:

OTIS F. BROWN

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

and Board of Health:

ISAAC KNOWLTON

GEORGE H. GIBNEY

GEORGE E. SAFFORD

Treasurer:

DANIEL E. SAFFORD

School Committee:

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON

JESSE G. NICHOLS

ALBERT L. WHIPPLE

Collector of Taxes:

ALDEN B. CHADWICK

Constables:

SYLVESTER DANE

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD ALDEN J. CHANDLER

STEPHEN A. GWINN

Keeper of Lockup:

THEODORE S. COOMBS

Auditor:

ANDREW HARADAN

Trustees of Public Library:

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER

*FRANK V. WRIGHT

JESSE G. NICHOLS

*Resigned.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1898,	\$11,605 66
“ received from State of Massachusetts for corporation tax	3,568 78
“ received for National Bank tax	496 59
“ reimbursement of State aid,	271 00
“ for burial of indigent soldiers,	35 00
“ for inspection of Animals, from Commissioners,	9 00
“ on account of burial of paupers,	30 08
“ from Massachusetts school fund,	294 43
“ from Clerk of First District Court, fines, less fees,	72 05
“ from County of Essex, from Dog licenses,	226 92
“ from Town of Ipswich, on account of poor,	41 37
“ from rent of Town Hall,	81 50
“ loan in anticipation of taxes,	5,000 00
“ from School children for flag,	2 00
“ from J. L. Hammett & Co. on account of overpayment,	1 10
“ payment for glass broken in South school,	1 25

Amount carried forward,

\$21,736 83

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$21,736 83	
Cash for excess tuition fees, reimbursed,	30 00	
“ income from hay scales, Centre		
District,	4 80	
“ from butcher's license,	1 00	
“ from sale of burial lots,	25 00	
“ for druggist's license,	1 00	
“ received from Collector of Taxes,	14,440 10	
“ received of Ginn & Company, on		
account of overpayment,	1 83	
“ from Victuallers' licenses,	10 00	
Total,		\$36,250 46

EXPENDITURES.

County tax,	\$1,554 90	
State tax,	975 00	
Discount on Town Note,	163 41	
Interest on Town Notes,	1,217 00	
Loan in anticipation of taxes—paid,	5,000 00	
Town notes paid,	2,150 00.	
Constable fees,	37 15	
State Aid for 1898-99,	424 50	
School Warrants,	5,550 35	
Library Warrants,	410 87	
Town Orders, drawn,	15,439 56	
		\$32,922 74

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid C. E. Whipple,	\$683 60	
G. B. Knowlton,	34 30	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$717 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$717 90
Paid N. Deveau,	29 60
Arthur Ford,	28 00
Gideon Ratte,	31 30
Philip Saunier,	36 40
J. C. Underhill & Son,	54 10
Emery A. Lawrence,	75 70
John H. Whipple,	83 80
A. E. Whipple,	89 20
G. H. Gibney,	223 90
C. S. Gwinn,	110 50
Wm. Tuttle,	59 50
Jos. A. Tucker,	13 00
James Morgan,	7 30
William Morgan,	3 60
Harry Morgan,	11 80
Joseph Pitman,	49 55
Sylvester Dane,	100 10
A. C. Cummings,	21 00
C. O. Putnam,	51 60
John Cole,	24 20
I. F. Knowlton,	72 80
Joseph Knowlton,	21 80
Samuel Doty,	8 60
Fred Berry,	20 30
J. B. Stone,	16 20
Samuel Shaanon,	45 80
J. J. Reeves,	44 60
A. G. Melanson,	12 20
H. A. Carey,	1 80
Walter McGrath,	18 20
Luther F. Dane,	19 20
E. A. Dane,	10 80
E. N. Brown,	10 00
Estate of J. H. Knowlton,	10 80

Amount carried forward,

\$2,138 15

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2.138 15
Paid George Webber,	3 80
John W. Morgan,	2 85
John Sauer,	7 20
Henry Carey,	7 80
George T. Haynes,	24 70
George R. Dodge,	24 30
Charles Perkins,	20 30
E. D. Lovett,	72 00
I. D. Patch,	11 10
E. A. Whipple,	6 96
G. M. Adams,	34 20
S. A. Gwinn,	39 60
A. D. Wallace,	58 40
Jonathan Lamson,	28 80
B. Deveau,	21 60
W. H. Dodge,	18 56
Alvin Smith,	26 20
H. E. Dodge,	6 40
B. E. Dodge,	6 40
Wm. Smith,	7 44
A. W. Dodge,	21 60
Nathaniel Foss,	4 60
George Brown,	8 70
O. F. Brown,	36 82
C. E. Whipple, use of road machine,	12 00
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	\$2,650 48

CLARENCE P. ROBERTS, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid E. A. Whipple,	\$4 80
G. H. Gibney,	5 50
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\$10 30

REMOVING SNOW.

C. P. ROBERTS, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid C. P. Roberts,	\$4 00
C. S. Gwinn,	7 40
C. E. Whipple,	9 10
Henry Carey,	3 20
C. O. Putnam,	1 50
O. F. Whipple,	2 10
Chas. Dixon,	1 50
Wm. Tuttle,	2 90
G. E. Roberts,	5 00
J. A. Towne,	60
G. B. Knowlton,	1 40
Frank Marshall,	60
S. Ayers,	3 30
Joseph Knowlton,	2 30
E. H. Patch,	8 90
E. A. Whipple,	4 00
I. F. Trask,	2 60
Charles Ingalls,	1 40
Charles Kinsman,	1 80
John Burchstead,	2 40
Lyman Poor,	1 80
Edward R. Stone,	3 00
Estate J. H. Knowlton,	70
James Pitman,	2 00
Frank Knowlton,	2 00
Frank Whipple,	2 60
Joseph Dolet,	2 60
Joseph Tucker,	1 80
Joseph Pitman, Jr.,	1 60
Roscoe Reed,	3 00
G. H. Gibney,	7 00

Amount carried forward,

\$89 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$89 60
Paid Alvin Smith,	2 80
Robert Wilson,	1 40
Fred Carroll,	2 20
James Hart,	2 20
A. B. Chadwick,	1 40
John Dunlap,	2 20
Archie Moore,	1 00
George Holmes,	3 40
Foster Tappan,	3 40
S. G. Goodhue,	2 00
J. McGlauflin,	1 80
G. M. Adams,	8 90
S. E. McGlauflin,	1 60
Francis Dane,	6 60
A. C. Dane,	1 00
F. G. Durkee,	2 40
Joseph Pitman,	1 00

\$134 90

C. E. WHIPPLE, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid Almon Bridges,	\$17 40
George Bridges,	15 20
Sylvester Dane,	42 00
A. E. Whipple,	24 00
Francis Dane,	18 20
Walter B. Whipple,	13 15
Chas. H. Smith,	4 60
Frank Durkee,	1 40
John H. Whipple,	27 20
R. A. Foss,	16 40
Nathaniel Wright,	7 30
Edward McGregor,	19 30

Amount carried forward,

\$206 15

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$206 15
Paid A. A. Dunnells,	4 40
E. A. Patch,	1 50
Q. McGregor,	1 80
Arthur Mason,	9 25
Walter Mason,	11 05
Allen Dixon,	17 20
Roy Whipple,	7 40
L. Fisher,	7 10
C. S. Gwinn,	30 70
Alvin Smith,	49 00
A. B. Richardson,	19 80
John R. Golden,	13 40
Robert Wilson,	12 40
C. E. Whipple,	25 82
I. F. Knowlton,	58 80
Joseph Knowlton,	8 40
H. M. Dodge,	25 20
Geo. T. Tewksbury,	19 60
Samuel Doty,	6 80
John E. Cox,	28 90
Fred Berry,	51 30
Forrest L. Knowlton,	9 00
Albert A. Dodge,	23 60
E. A. Whipple,	17 80
Frank Whipple,	23 70
Wallace Knowlton,	4 00
Joseph Pitman,	14 30
C. H. Chase,	6 40
Nelson Butler,	17 80
Jas. W. Morgan,	22 50
John W. Morgan,	6 20
A. E. Pitman,	16 70
E. Pitman,	7 90
John W. Burchstead,	24 40

Amount carried forward,

\$1,010 27

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,010 27
Paid D. Knowlton,	3 30
J. B. Stone,	2 80
J. H. Knowlton,	1 60
Estate of J. H. Knowlton,	4 40
James Pitman,	18 20
Hiram Pitman,	11 50
Jos. A. Tucker,	18 00
Lyman Poor,	15 60
G. N. Andrews,	7 00
Chas. Hatfield,	5 40
R. Reed,	22 30
G. H. Gibney,	141 60
Paul R. Smith,	15 40
Groves Smith,	17 50
G. F. Cross,	7 40
W. J. Fisher,	11 80
S. G. Robinson,	11 00
M. McGerry,	3 60
Percy A. Dodge,	15 40
R. W. Ferguson,	1 60
H. S. Ingalls,	4 00
Sam. Hollingshead,	7 20
Philip Sauliner,	20 50
Oliver Hiller,	16 30
A. J. Chandler,	11 00
George Bulley,	1 00
Peter Ganett,	7 60
H. S. Back,	10 60
D. Flaherty,	10 30
Fred Fisher,	15 00
Geo. R. Dodge,	13 70
Frank Koloski,	9 10
Fred Kilham,	5 00
R. G. Sawyer,	19 20

Amount carried forward,

\$1,496 17

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,496 17
Paid Eastman R. Abbott,	22 00
B. W. Adams,	19 20
S. E. McGlaufflin,	12 60
John Sauer,	2 00
Lester Durling,	9 40
Henry Roundy,	11 00
Isaac F. Day,	32 30
Wm. A. Smith,	20 20
Jonathan Lamson,	24 60
E. D. Lovett,	56 20
Herbert Dane,	3 80
Arthur Southwick,	8 40
B. E. Dodge,	10 20
C. W. Dodge,	3 40
Francis Foster,	80
Charles Rogers,	11 40
Isaac A. Lamson,	13 20
William Rogers,	2 60
S. A. Gwinn,	53 80
W. F. Dodge,	3 60
Horace E. Dodge,	9 80
W. B. Foster,	1 80
C. A. Hobbs,	12 80
Charles Tuck,	7 30
Samuel G. Goodhue,	11 70
John F. Tucker,	7 10
J. B. Robichau,	1 20
J. D. Emery,	17 20
John Melanson,	3 80
O. F. Brown,	9 60
Lakeman Southwick,	4 50
D. J. Cashman,	9 60
A. D. Wallace,	72 10
George Holmes,	14 60

Amount carried forward,

\$1,989 97

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,989 97
Paid Wm. C. Wallace,	13 40
Edward R. Stone,	5 40
John Westerland,	19 40
Frank Knowlton,	5 0
James Giddings,	2 20
C. F. Kinsman,	14 60
Henry Carey,	36 50
Frank Bridges,	10 40
Emery Lawrence,	47 00
O. J. Apin,	8 20
R. A. Voome,	8 20
R. Caverly,	5 80
Benj. Smith,	6 08
A. Moon,	9 90
Frank McGregor,	4 87
W. T. Lambert,	3 75
Archie Moore,	15 80
H. Fillebrown,	6 40
Edward Marchant,	1 60
Ephraim A. Dame,	3 20
Henry A. Carey,	13 00
Chas. Carey,	3 20
L. S. Dodge,	2 70
J. E. Hart,	5 00
A. B. Chadwick,	3 40
L. Dodge,	6 20
Frank Dodge,	6 40
C. E. Foster,	2 60
E. Berry,	4 80
A. Dossett,	5 40
G. H. Dodge,	6 15
Enoch Knowlton,	4 20
L. M. Whipple,	3 35
Newell Burnham,	6 70

Amount carried forward,

\$2,286 27

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,286 27
Paid T. E. McGloutlin,	10 20
J. Daley,	13 80
J. Cameron,	5 20
F. E. Tappin,	14 70
Geo. E. Tuck,	8 10
A. F. Lougee,	11 60
Arthur Ramsdell,	2 00
James Dodge,	2 20
Frank Kilham,	85
Frank Back,	9 00
Raymond Gould,	35
E. P. Dodge, Jr.,	3 80
Geo. A. Lunt,	1 80
A. Perron,	15 40
Wm. E. Case,	7 20
Fred Moore,	2 70
Wm. McGinley,	3 80
Frank Hollingshead,	1 10
C. A. Hill,	9 60
H. H. Costello,	6 30
G. W. Preston,	10 00
M. E. Hollingshead,	1 10
Ambrose Moon,	9 60
Elmer Dodge,	7 40
John Mason,	7 40
Wm. Lynch,	11 40
C. A. Hills,	3 00
David Fisher,	2 00
Fred Fake,	1 30
A. A. Whipple,	80
E. M. Haraden,	8 80
C. C. Dodge,	1 20
O. F. Whipple,	7 30
Leverett Woodbury,	80

Amount carried forward,

\$2,488 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,488 07
Paid A. C. Dane,	18 20
Theodore Coombs,	1 20
E. B. Woodbury,	1 20
E. A. Harris,	1 20
A. T. Poole,	1 80
Frank Lord,	80
William Tuttle,	9 00
Frank McDonald,	2 80
M. Connelly,	8 50
P. Smith,	70
J. Tierney,	1 20
Wm Morgan,	8 30
Jas. A. Garland,	25 00
I. F. Trask,	15 80
Joseph Pitman, Jr.,	10 80
S. Ayers,	11 00
Geo. B. Knowlton,	5 40
Frank Marshall,	5 60
Charles Dixon,	1 00
G. M. Adams,	94 80

\$2,712 37

SIDEWALKS.

Paid S. E. McGlaufflin, Concrete walk,	\$15 60
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

WILLOW DALE BRIDGE.

Paid Putnam & Pope, lumber,	\$26 54
C. E. Whipple, labor,	4 00
G. B. Knowlton, “	3 00
Jas. Reeves, “	3 00

\$36 54

TUTTLE'S CORNER BRIDGE.

Paid Wm. F. Redlon, drain pipe,	\$7 43
C. E. Whipple, labor,	2 00
Geo. B. Knowlton, labor,	1 50
Sylvester Dane, labor,	1 50

\$12 43

EXTRA APPROPRIATION ON HIGHWAYS.

UNION AND LINDEN STREETS.

Paid C. E. Whipple, grading,	\$27 70
G. H. Gibney, " "	21 60
Wm. McGinley, " "	20 40
Smith Tinkham, " "	7 20
Walter McGrath, " "	7 20
C. A. Hill, " "	7 00
J. C. Sauer, furnishing gravel, team'g	232 73
Philip Saulnier, spreading gravel,	16 20
Wm. F. Redlon, drain pipe,	4 50
S. E. McGlauffin, labor,	4 34

\$348 87

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid Frank Dane, part board of Alvin Jowder,	\$ 25 00
Geo. H. Gibney, expenses Dubois children,	8 00
Caleb W. Dodge, board of Porter children,	208 00
Caleb W. Dodge, board of Du- bois children,	4 00

Amount carried forward,

\$245 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$245 00
Paid George E. Safford, clothing for	
Porter children,	6 00
F. A. Smith, shoes and clothing	
for Porter children,	24 90
F. A. Smith, shoes and clothing	
for E. Trussel,	23 50
Chas. A. Hobbs, board and care	
of E. Trussel,	206 00
Daniel D. Stone, providing for	
Bailey family,	28 07
Frank C. Norton, groceries for	
Bailey family,	25 53
George M. Adams, milk and	
wood for Bailey family,	14 50
Emerson A. Whipple, balance	
for care of tramps,	55 52
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance	
to E. Trussell,	36 50
John F. Smith, burial of Mrs.	
Amos Bixby,	25 00
City of Beverly, supplies for E.	
Ingall's family,	74 95
City of Salem, burial of child of	
G. Ingalls,	8 00
H. E. Andrews, medicine for	
wanderer,	50
City of Haverhill, supplies fur-	
nished J. Bridge's family,	12 70
S. C. Gould, groceries and pro-	
visions for J. Bridge's family	46 00
J. C. Underhill & Son, wood and	
coal for J. Bridge's family,	20 50
G. E. Safford, clothing for Alvin	
Jowder,	7 50

Amount carried forward

\$859 77

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$8 59 77
Paid A. W. Chandler, rent of house	
for J. Bridge's family,	24 00
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance	
to Alvin Jowder,	2 75
Sarah B. Dodge, assistance,	102 00
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	\$988 52

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. A. Hill, janitor services,	\$ 7 60
A. C. Cummings, hauling truck	
to fire,	2 00
H. E. Andrews, chemicals,	5 00
O. F. Kilham, sail,	26 40
S. E. McGlaufflin, sundries,	3 03
J. C. Daniels, painting,	4 75
Angie M. Adams, rent for land,	15 00
C. R. Holmes, sundries,	3 75
H. E. Andrews & Co., chemicals,	17 06
C. H. Perkins, supplies,	12 75
A. S. Jackson, "	17 00
W. F. Redlon, use of pump at	
Potter's fire,	10 00
L. E. Libby, sundries,	3 10
S. E. McGlaufflin, service as jan-	
itor,	15 59
S. C. Gould, sundries,	1 10
A. E. Potter, repairing truck,	8 00
John Sauer, coal,	8 75
J. C. Underhill & Son, wood,	2 00
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\$162 88

LIQUOR COMMITTEE.

SERVICES UNDER DIRECTION OF LIQUOR COMMITTEE.

Paid Sylvester Dane,	\$19 00
Chas. E. Whipple,	17 50
Geo. T. Litchfield,	15 60
A. J. Chandler,	14 50
Theodore Coombs,	2 00

 \$68 00

**The Town Hall Building Committee in Account with
the Town of Hamilton.**

DR.

To the following bills paid by the Town of Hamilton on
account of the Committee, 1898-99.

Paid H. M. Bixby, window shades,	\$ 48 60
J. C. Underhill & Son, coal,	25 87
A. P. Gardner, balance due on piano,	\$518 45
Chas. A. Henry, gridiron and drapery,	275 00
Pitman and Brown, contract on sheds,	380 00
E. M. A. Machado, balance Architect's Commission,	186 94
Buck & Moran, door plates,	18 00
F. C. Norton, supplies,	18 06
F. C. Norton, street lamps,	8 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1,478 92

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,478 92	
Paid Waters & Brown, hardware,	137 18	
Moss Safe Co., vault door,	120 00	
A. C. Damon, furniture,	560 60	
McKenney & Waterbury, fixtures,	235 65	
Pitman & Brown, bal. of con-		
tract,	2,845 88	
Benj. F. Watson, shrubs,	57 30	
C. S. Gwinn, labor and grading,	120 94	
C. S. Aiken, mason work,	15 00	
O. F. Brown, gravel,	7 95	
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	\$5,579 42	
Amount expended last year,	14,420 58	
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Cr.		\$20,000 00
By amount appropriated by Town of		
Hamilton,		20,000 00

REPORT OF TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Town Hall Committee in account with the Town of Hamilton.

Dr.

To orders drawn previous to March		
15, 1898, paid	\$14,420 58	
Pitman & Brown, balance due on		
contract and extras,	3,225 88	
E. M. A. Machado, balance due		
for Architect's Commission,	186 94	
J. C. Underhill & Son, coal,	25 87	
H. M. Bixby, window shades,	48 60	
C. A. Henry, stage fixtures,	275 00	
Buck & Moran, door plates,	18 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$18,200 87

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$22,222 00
F. C. Norton, sundries,	26 06
Waters & Brown, hardware,	137 18
Moss Safe Co., safe door,	120 00
A. C. Damon, hall seats,	560 60
C. S. Gwinn, grading lawn and planting shrubs,	120 94
McKenney & Waterbury, lamps and fixtures,	235 65
B. M. Watson, shrubs,	57 39
Chas. F. Atkins, extra on kitchen closet,	15 00
O. F. Brown, loam,	7 95
A. F. Gardner, for part of piano,	518 45

\$20,000 00

CR.

By amount appropriated by the Town
of Hamilton,

\$20,000 00

CHAS. S. GWINN, Chairman,
A. P. GARDNER, Secretary.

SALARIES AND FEES.

Paid Theodore F. Coombs, services as janitor of Town Hall,	\$285 00
C. A. Rowe, services as janitor of Town Hall,	40 50
Alden Chandler, services as con- stable,	22 00
Geo. T. Litchoeld, services as con- stable,	4 50
Chas. E. Whipple, services as con- stable,	5 00

Amount carried forward,

\$357 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$357 00
Paid Sylvester Dane, services as constable,	5 00
Sylvester Dane, serving dog warrants,	15 00
Thomas Robinson, services as inspector,	2 50
A. B. Towle, services as inspector,	2 50
D. D. Stone, services as inspector,	2 50
Charles W. Appleton, services as inspector,	2 50
George T. Litchfield, election officer,	2 50
D. D. Stone, cattle commissioner,	5 00
Daniel E. Safford, services as treasurer,	100 00
Otis F. Brown, services as Town Clerk,	25 00
Otis F. Browe, services as registrar of voters,	10 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as selectman,	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as assessor,	60 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as registrar of voters,	12 50
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as board of health,	5 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as committee on roads,	5 00

Amount carried forward,

\$677 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$677 00
Paid Geo. E. Safford, services as selectman,	50 00
Geo. E. Safford, services as assessor,	60 00
Geo. E. Safford, services as registrar of voters,	12 50
Geo. E. Safford, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00
Geo. E. Safford, services as board of health,	5 00
Geo. E. Safford, services as committee on roads,	5 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as selectman,	50 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as assessor,	60 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as registrar of voters,	12 50
Geo. H. Gibney, services as board of health,	5 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as committee on streets,	5 00
G. K. Knowlton, services as school committee,	75 00
Jesse G. Nichols, services as school committee,	40 00
A. L. Whipple, services as school committee,	40 00
Andrew Haraden, services as auditor,	20 00
A. B. Chadwick, services as collector of taxes,	147 45

\$1,294 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid G. H. Gibney, blankets,	\$ 2 00
J. P. Lovering, copying records,	200 00
Alexander Hamilton Council,	
rent of hall,	2 00
O. H. Lufkin, printing Town	
Reports,	70 83
W. H. Andrews, fighting fire,	2 75
G. E. Foster & Co., repairs on	
safe,	8 30
C. S. Gwinn, moving safe,	5 00
E. C. Tibbetts, labor on cemetery,	30 90
E. C. Tibbetts, return of deaths,	1 00
John F. Smith, return of deaths,	2 00
F. C. Norton, water tank,	4 00
Burnham's Job Print, printing,	3 00
A. C. Damon, sundries,	15 85
W. R. Warren, stationery,	6 94
John L. Woodbury, Memorial	
Day appropriation,	35 00
Theodore S. Coombs, repairing	
flag,	1 50
Geo. F. King & Co., sundries,	23 11
Geo. A. Schofield, painting,	8 25
Daniel D. Stone, labor at Town	
Hall,	2 00
G. H. Gibney, team and assist-	
ance to state aid agent,	5 00
H. E. Andrews, sundries,	6 35
Andrew Haraden, copying rec-	
ords,	8 00
A. T. Poole, painting at Town	
Hall,	22 50
D. E. Safford, postage,	2 52
American Express, expressing,	1 70

Amount carried forward,

\$470 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$47 ⁰ 5 ⁰
Paid S. E. Thayer, return of births,	7 25
Dr. McCarthy, " " "	75
O. F. Brown, returning Dog licenses,	2 00
O. F. Brown, returning representative vote,	2 00
O. F. Brown, express and postage,	2 40
O. F. Brown, books and dog posters,	2 00
O. F. Brown, recording marriages,	3 15
O. F. Brown, recording births,	16 00
O. F. Brown, recording deaths,	3 00
O. F. Brown, administering oaths,	1 00
I. F. Knowlton, journey to Newburyport on account of paupers,	3 00
I. F. Knowlton, journey to Lynn and Salem on account of paupers,	3 00
I. F. Knowlton, journey to Lynn and Danvers on account of paupers,	3 00
Geo. E. Safford, journey to Newburyport on account of paupers,	3 00
Geo. E. Safford, journey to Lynn and Salem on account of paupers,	3 00
Geo. E. Safford, express, box rent and postage,	3 25

Amount carried forward

\$528 30

<i>Amount brought forward, .</i>	\$528 30
Paid J. C. Underhill & Son, coal for	
Town Hall,	15 88
Geo. H. Gibney, postage,	50
J. C. Underhill & Son, coal for	
Town Hall,	41 38
F. C. Norton, supplies for Town	
Hall,	36 79
J. C. Sauer, coal for Town	
Hall,	66 37
Theodore F. Cogswell, insurance	
on Town Hall,	381 00
F. C. Norton, supplies for Town	
Hall,	17 07
George W. Breed, short term in-	
surance for Town Hall,	28 80
Frank P. Trussell, carpenter	
work, Town Hall,	22 75
Addison B. Towle, carpenter	
work, Town Hall,	1 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, wood for	
Town Hall,	6 00
S. E. McGlaufflin, watching fire,	2 00
A. B. Chadwick, printing tax	
bills,	5 00
C. W. Appleton, carpenter work,	12 40
H. N. Burpee, watching fire,	1 00
G. T. Litchfield, care of clock,	20 00
G. T. Litchfield, posting war-	
rant,	2 00
G. T. Litchfield, car fares and	
telephone,	1 95
G. T. Litchfield, attending court	
at Newburyport,	5 25

Amount carried forward,

\$1,196 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,196 44
Paid G. T. Litchfield, car fare, ac-	
sount of wanderers,	2 10
Geo. W. Breed, insurance on	
South school,	\$4 00
Geo. E. Roberts, serving Town	
Warrants,	2 50
John Parsons, watching fire,	1 00
Amy Perron, watching fire,	1 00
Wm. Ball, watching fire,	1 00
Amy Perron, watching fire,	2 00
Chester Foster, watching fire,	2 00

\$1,291 04

ABATEMENTS.

Oscar Bridges, on poll,	\$ 2 00
L. K. Barker, on poll,	2 00
George Bulley, on poll,	2 00
Arthur Beal, on poll,	2 00
John Clark, on Poll,	2 00
Loring Cole, on poll,	2 00
Wm. J. Channell, on poll,	2 00
Wendall A. Dodge, on poll,	2 00
Herbert H. Day, on poll,	2 00
John L. Frost, personal and poll,	2 37
Thos. E. Harper, poll,	2 00
Forest L. Knowlton, poll,	2 00
Daniel W. Kimball, personal and	
poll,	2 73
Charles Kemp, poll,	2 00
Chas. Mason, personal,	73
G. Von L. Meyer, real estate,	13 14

Amount carried forward,

\$42 97

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$42 97
Thomas McCaffery, real estate,	2 19
John W. Morgan, poll,	2 00
Walter T. Mitchell, poll,	2 00
Joseph H. McKennon, poll,	2 00
Alfred Melanson, poll,	2 00
Samuel A. Maloon, poll,	2 00
Scott McCarrison, poll,	2 00
Ephraim A. Patch, poll,	2 00
Wm. F. Redlon, personal,	46 87
Thomas Riddle, poll,	2 00
Leegs Robichau, poll,	2 00
John Smith, poll,	2 00
D. D. Stone, real estate,	3 65
Arthur Southwick, poll,	2 00
Herbert B. Sadler, poll,	2 00
Addison B. Towle, real estate,	73
Wm. P. Kimball, real estate,	73
Estate Jacob Brown, real estate,	37
Estate Chas. Smith, Ipswich, real estate,	73
Augustus W. Smith, Topsfield, real estate,	1 82
Jasper F. Pope, real estate,	73
Hugh Moses, real estate,	1 87
On Asbury Grove cottages,	7 10

\$133 76

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School warrants,	\$5,550 35
Library, "	410 87
Official fees, district court,	37 15
Amount of Town orders,	15,439 56

Amount carried forward,

\$21,437 93

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$21,437 93	
Paid County tax,	1,554 90	
State tax,	975 00	
State aid,	424 50	
Highway department,	2,660 78	
Poor department,	988 52	
Removing snow,	2,847 27	
Miscellaneous,	1,291 04	
Salaries and fees,	1,294 45	
Town Hall building committee,	5,579 42	
Roads and bridges,	48 97	
Liquor committee,	68 00	
Abatements,	133 76	
Sidewalks,	15 60	
Fire department,	162 88	
Extra appropriation,	348 87	
		\$39,831 89
Treasurer's receipts,	\$36,250 46	
Treasurer's expenditures,	32,922 74	
Balance in treasury,	3,327 72	
Due from collector of taxes,	304 53	
Total balance in favor of Town,	3,632 25	
Town debt is now		\$29,350 00

The foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have this day been examined by me, and make my report as above.

ANDREW HARADEN, *Auditor.*

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,) *Selectmen*
 GEORGE H. GIBNEY,) *of*
 GEORGE E. SAFFORD,) *Hamilton.*

Hamilton, Feb. 25, 1899.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK FOR 1898.

Received and paid the town treasurer, for sale of burial lots,	\$ 25 00
Received and paid the town treasurer, for druggist's license,	1 00
Received for dog licenses to Decem- ber 1, 1898, and paid the county treasurer	282 00
Recorded 21 marriages.	
Recorded 32 births.	
Recorded 15 deaths.	

OTIS F. BROWN, *Town Clerk.*

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Number of polls,	342
Tax on each poll,	\$2 00
Value of personal estate,	\$ 851,120 00
Value of buildings,	638,110 00
Value of land,	435,925 00
Total valuation,	1,925,155 00
Total tax,	14,742 63
Rate per thousand,	7 30
Number horses,	401
“ cows,	313
“ neat cattle,	47
“ swine,	65
“ fowls,	3,480
“ dwelling houses,	640
“ acres land,	9,642
“ tax payers,	871

Number tax payers on property,	744
“ tax payers, poll only,	127

GEORGE E. SAFFORD,	} <i>Assessors</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hamilton.</i>
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,	
ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,	

LIST OF JURORS

As prepared by the Selectmen, February 28, 1899.

Fred Berry,
Alvin Smith,
C. Jerome Norwood,
Austin A. Whipple,
Charles E. Whipple,
Charles H. Smith,
Caleb W. Dodge.

Clarence P. Roberts,
Isaac F. Knowlton,
Arthur W. Chandler,
Joseph P. Lovering,
Charles S. Gwinn,
Frank R. Shaller,
George T. Litchfield.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hamilton.</i>
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,	
GEORGE E. SAFFORD,	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:

When the new rooms of the Public Library in the Town Hall Building were opened the first of March, a new interest in the Library was immediately manifested, and the number of regular subscribers considerably increased. Young and old have shown their appreciation of the reading room by giving it a liberal patronage. Books of reference have been placed on the reading room shelves and several of the leading weekly and monthly periodicals provided for the general public, including Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, The Century, Scribner's, The Review of Reviews, The New England Magazine, The Youth's Companion, Outing, and St. Nicholas. These magazines have also had a large circulation in the community. Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia, in eight octavo volumes, bound in half morocco, has been added recently to the list of reference books, and will fill a long felt want. It may be of great service to the teachers and pupils of the public schools as well as to the general reader.

In supplying new books, the trustees have tried to be fair to all classes, taking great care to buy only such books as are well worth reading. General literature, fiction, poetry, history biography, travel, science, and religion have been represented in fair proportion, so that the different parts of the library are well balanced.

August twenty-second, Frank V. Wright, Esq., leaving town, tendered his resignation as a member of the board of trustees. His associates recognizing the expert knowledge which

he has displayed since the founding of the Library, in purchasing books, classifying and arranging them on the shelves, and in the catalogue, so that the Library is in the first rank, wish to express their appreciation of his efforts, and their regret that his change of residence compels him to withdraw from the board of trustees.

The trustees desire to express their thanks to Marshall K. Abbott, Esq., Charles T. Garland, Esq., and Miss H. Meyer for their gifts of valuable books and magazines; to Hon. Geo. Von L. Meyer for a government military map of Cuba for the reading room; and to Miss H. A. Dodge for ten valuable volumes, including "Descriptive Sociology, or Groups of Sociological Facts classified and arranged by Herbert Spencer," and "Egypt Exploration Fund Publications" given "In Memory of Mary Abby Dodge."

There is immediate necessity of a supplement to the finding list, which will probably appear at the beginning of the new year.

The trustees would recommend that one of their number act as treasurer of the Library fund, and hereby ask of the Town permission to elect a treasurer.

They recommend the appropriation of four hundred dollars for the year 1899-1900.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of books in the Library, March 1, 1898,	2,312
Number of books added during the year,	202
Total bound volumes, March 1, 1899,	2,514
Number bound volumes issued during the year,	4,627
Cards issued during the year,	104
Cards issued since Library opened,	763
Number of magazines issued during the year,	235
Amount collected for fines,	\$14 83

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

	Bound Volumes	Pamphlets and un-bound Volumes
M. K. Abbott, Esq.,	19	
Miss H. A. Dodge,	10	
Miss H. Meyer,	1	
C. T. Garland, Esq.,		
Farm Journal, one year,		
The Great Round World, one year,		
Parcel of miscellaneous magazines.		
Hon. G. V. L. Meyer,		
Government military map of Cuba.		
Food, Home and Garden, one year.		
Miscellaneous pamphlets,		20
State Library Report.		2
City of Chelsea,		1
Lake Mohawk Conference,		1
Public Library Commission,		1
Trustees Soldiers' Home,		1
Massachusetts Agricultural Society,		1
Perry Mason & Co.,		1
The Century Atlas,		1
Salem Public Library Report,		1
Atlas of Mass. Topographical Survey Commission, 1884-1890,		1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance, March 1, 1898,	\$180 80
Appropriation, 1898-99,	300 00

\$480 80

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*Essex, ss, To either of the Constables of the Town of
Hamilton.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1899, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 4. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Hamilton for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), for the purpose of observing Decoration Day by the soldiers of the Rebellion.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the street known as Hamilton Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate money to grade the same, as petitioned for by S. E. Thayer and others.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will accept the street known as Pine Street, commencing on Walnut Street and running to Plumb Street (so called), as laid out by the Selectmen; and to appropriate money to grade the same, as petitioned for by Emery Lawrence and others.

Art. 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a sidewalk from Daniel D. Stone's house to the railroad crossing, on the easterly side of the street: appropriate money for the same, and keeping the same in condition for pedestrians at all seasons of the year, as petitioned for by Andrew Haraden and others.

Art. 9. To see what action the Town will take toward appropriating a sum of money to grade and otherwise improve the Green (so called), near the Meeting House, as petitioned for by Geo. T. L. Litchfield and others.

Art. 10. To see what action the Town will take towards building a catch basin, laying drain pipe and grading in front of the estate of Chas. G. Rice, as petitioned for by F. C. Norton and others.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take toward paying the bill of Penn Varney, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by George K. Knowlton and others.

Art. 12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the sale or removal of the Old South school house, and make provision for the same, as applied for by George K. Knowlton and others.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to opening the Polls at an earlier hour on the day of the Annual State election, as petitioned for by Geo. K. Knowlton and others.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take towards the re-valuation of the property in said Town, and have printed copies of the same, and to appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by A. B. Towle and others.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will permit the Trustees of the Public Library to elect one of their number as treasurer.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take toward the purchase of a Road Machine, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 18. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting taxes, which a town treasurer, when appointed a collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 18, Section 73, of the Public Statutes.

Art. 21. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as proposed and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 23. To act on any other matter that may come legally before said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House and one at the Town Hall and one at the store of L. E. Libby, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of February, 1899, A. D.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
GEO. H. GIBNEY,		of
GEO. E. SAFFORD,		<i>Hamilton.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

— OF THE —

TOWN OF HAMILTON

1898-99

BEVERLY

FROST & WOOD, PRINTERS, 147 CABOT STREET

1899

School Committee's Report.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Geo. K. Knowlton, Chairman,	term expires 1901
Rev. Jesse G. Nichols, Secretary,	term expires 1900
Dr. Albert L. Whipple, Purchasing Agent,	term expires 1899

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George T. Litchfield,	Stephen A. Gwinn.
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To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your Committee submits the following report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Closed Feb. 24, 1899.)

Amount appropriated by the town for	
schools,	\$3,400 00
Text books and school supplies,	600 00
Small repairs and miscellaneous,	500 00
Introduction of vocal music,	200 00
Insurance,	150 00
Painting West School-house,	40 00
Tuition, High School Pupils,	580 00
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Town appropriation,	\$5,470 00
Dog licenses,	226 92
Mass. School Fund,	294 43
Balance Mass. School Fund from 1898,	12 02
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	\$6,003 37

Paid for teachers,	\$2,497 05	
Fuel,	266 10	
Care of houses,	403 78	
Text books and school supplies,	563 92	
Miscellaneous,	409 80	
	<hr/>	\$4,140 65

ACCOUNT MASS. SCHOOL FUND.

Amount Mass. school fund,	\$294 43	
Balance from 1897-8,	12 02	
	<hr/>	\$306 45
Paid teachers,		306 45

PAID TEACHERS.

Miss Adelaide A. Keith,	\$468 00	
.. Grace A. Smith,	390 00	
.. Lizzie A. Hadley,	409 50	
.. Harriet M. Cutler,	409 50	
.. Mary E. Batchelder,	390 00	
.. Kate B. Symonds,	390 00	
.. Jessie M. Doty,	157 50	
.. Frances A. Jackson,	99 00	
.. Eliza H. Cushing,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,803 50

PAID FOR FUEL.

J. C. Underhill & Son,	\$116 11	
John C. Sauer,	76 49	
Joseph P. Levering,	14 50	
Isaac D. Patch,	28 50	
Jonathan Lamson,	24 50	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$266 10

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

Fred C. Shaller,	South School,	\$333 33
Burton M. Gwinn,	Center “	12 95
Margaret Fisher,	“ “	5 00
Frank McGregor,	North “	8 00
Hiram Pitman,	“ “	9 50
Henry T. Rogers,	West “	12 50
Albert T. Hart,	“ “	5 00
Sylvester Day,	East “	12 50
E. A. Day,	“ “	5 00

\$403 78

PAID FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$282 26
Ginn & Company,	89 07
Geo. F. King & Co.,	72 35
The American Book Co.,	15 75
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	43 05
D. C. Heath & Co.,	24 50
Boston School Supply Co.,	11 44
Massachusetts Bible Society,	9 60
Silver Burdett & Co.,	6 00
E. W. Babb & Co.,	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing,	4 00
W. D. Brown,	90

\$563 92

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. B. Towle, repairing school house,	
stock and labor,	\$31 23
J. F. Porter, repairs,	16 20
Geo. C. Ryerson, painting West school	
house and repairs,	51 00

Amount carried forward

98 43

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$98 43
James F. Dean, school room supplies,	19 44
B. & M. R. R. Co., scholars' tickets,	52 50
A. C. Cummings, expressage,	10 18
American Express Co., expressage	5 95
C. E. Day, "	4 05
H. P. Moulton, legal services,	10 00
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, school room supplies,	10 20
Irving W. Wheeler, flags,	16 22
W. H. Hutchinson, school room supplies,	27 55
Gideon Marshman, locks,	3 15
Magee Furnace Co., boiler supplies,	71
Daniel Pratt's Son, clock,	3 00
Waters & Brown, school room supplies	2 50
S. C. Gould,	5 96
Olvin H. Lufkin, printing,	12 25
Mrs. Lucy Channel, cleaning school houses,	5 00
Mrs. E. A. Day, cleaning school houses,	8 00
Mrs. J. Hart, " " "	2 50
F. A. Wendell, sanitary,	2 84
M. W. Cain & Son, school furniture,	11 50
W. C. Packard, " "	2 25
W. T. Rogers, Sanitary,	50
Burton M. Gwinn, sanitary,	50
Sylvester Day, "	3 00
E. A. Lane, setting glass,	70
F. C. Shaller, boiler supplies,	5 45
F. C. Norton, school room supplies,	13 89
S. A. Waitt, " " "	30
C. A. Peterson, labor and stock repairing school house.	3 75
Frank P. Tenssell, flag-cord and pulley,	1 55
O. F. Whipple, labor on school yard,	2 50

Amount carried forward,

\$346 32

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$346 32	
J. W. Hayes, cleaning clock,	75	
Theodore S. Coombs, cleaning funnel, etc.,	1 50	
C. S. Gwinn, removing snow from school yard,	50	
Geo. T. Litchfield, Truant Officer.	11 90	
Albert L. Whipple, expense on account of teachers and expressage,	5 00	
Albert L. Whipple, Purchasing Agent,	15 00	
Jesse G. Nichols, expense on account of teachers and supplies,	2 90	
Geo. K. Knowlton, Repairs and cash paid out,	16 93	
Geo. K. Knowlton, expense on account of teachers and books,	4 00	
Geo. K. Knowlton, taking school census,	5 00	
		\$409 80

MUSIC.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Paid Arthur E. French, teacher,	\$128 52	
“ American Book Co., charts and books,	50 40	
“ A. C. Cummings, transportation teacher,	21 00	
		\$199 92

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for tuition of High School pupils,		\$560 00
Paid City of Salem,	\$225 00	
“ “ “ Beverly,	300 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$525 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5 25 00	
Paid Trustees Manning High School,		
Ipswich,	25 00	
Paid John L. Woodbury,	40 00	
" Charles S. Gwinn,	40 00	
" Ephraim A. Dane,	60 00	
" Arthur C. Dane,	40 00	\$730 00
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Excess of appropriation,		\$170 00

INSURANCE.

Appropriation,		\$150 00
Paid Geo. W. Breed, Agent, on New		
South School House,	120 00	
Paid W. F. Trowt, Agent, on four		
school houses,	18 90	
Paid W. F. Trowt, Agent, on Old South		
school house,	17 50	\$156 40
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Excess of appropriation,		\$6 40

By reference to "Insurance Policies," it will be seen that \$204 00 was paid on the New South school house. The insurance had been placed before the annual town meeting, for \$120, subject to possible additional rates which might be made by the New England Insurance Exchange. The above amount only was asked to be appropriated, as the committee was given to understand that probably no more would be needed.

Soon after town meeting the committee were informed by the insurance agent that the rates on our policies had been advanced, and another payment of \$84 00 must be made. As the committee had no funds to pay this amount, the bill was turned over to the selectmen and paid by them.

SUMMARY.

GROSS RECEIPTS FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation for schools,	\$4,500 00
Tuition, high school pupils,	580 00
Music,	200 00
Insurance,	150 00
Painting West school house,	40 00
Dog licenses,	226 92
Mass. School Fund,	294 43
Balance Mass. School Fund, 1897-8,	12 02

\$6,003 37

GROSS EXPENSE FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Paid for teachers,	\$2,803 50
“ “ fuel,	266 10
“ “ care of houses,	403 78
“ “ school supplies,	563 92
“ “ miscellaneous, including painting West school house,	409 80
Paid for music,	199 92
“ “ tuition, high school scholars,	730 00
“ “ insurance,	156 40
	\$5,533 42
Balance unexpended,	469 95

\$6, 003 37

PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL.

BEVERLY.

Albert L. Smith, entered Sept., 1895,	
tuition one year to June, 1899,	\$40 00

Amount carried forward,

\$40 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$40 00	
Alice McGlauffin, entered Sept., 1896, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Percy Dodge, entered Sept., 1896, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Groves Smith, entered Sept., 1897, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Samuel Robinson, entered Sept., 1897, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Mary A. Southwick, entered Sept., 1898, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Annie McGlauffin, entered Sept., 1898, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Clarence Day, entered Sept., 1898, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
Chester P. Striley, entered Sept., 1898, tuition one year to June, 1899,	40 00	
		\$360 00

SALEM.

Tuition for the following pupils has been paid directly to their parents, for the school year ending June, 1899.

Arthur H. Dane, entered Sept., 1897,	\$40 00	
Hallett S. Gwinn, " " 1898,	40 00	
Frank B. Woodbury, entered Sept., 1898.	40 00	
		\$120 00

IPSWICH.

Ethel G. Adams, entered Sept., 1898,	\$25 00	
		\$25 00

ESTIMATE FOR SCHOOLS.

The committee presents the following estimate of the amount of money which should be appropriated to carry on the

public schools for the year 1899-1900.

Amount for teachers, janitors and fuel,	\$3,400 00	
" " text books and school supplies,	600 00	
Amount for small repairs and miscellaneous,	500 00	
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		\$4,500 00

FOR HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Beverly,	\$360 00	
Salem,	120 00	
Ipswich,	25 00	
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		\$505 00

In addition to the above the following appropriations are recommended.

For new desks and a new floor in Centre school house, or to seat school room in Town Hall,	\$200 00	
Insurance on Old South school house,	15 00	
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		\$215 00

INSURANCE POLICIES.

The several school houses are insured as follows :

NEW SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

The Northwestern National Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wis.,	\$4,000 00
Premium,	102 00
Expires Feb. 3. 1903.	

The Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Cambridge, Mass.

Centre school house,	\$900 00	
North " "	700 00	
East " "	700 00	
West " "	700 00	
		\$3,000 00
Premium,		75 00
Dividend allowed,		56 10
Cash paid,		18 90
Expires May 12, 1901.		

Old South school house,	\$1,000 00
Premium,	17 50
Expires June 23, 1899.	

Full amount of insurance,	\$12,000 00
Net cost, of which \$84 00 was paid by selectmen,	239 40

STATISTICAL TABLE.

From March 28, 1898, to February 24, 1899, 35 weeks.
Length of term is given to March 10, 1899, 38 weeks.

SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Adelaide A. Keith.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$48 00	\$48 00	\$48 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	31	34	35
Average membership,	27	32	33
Average attendance,	25	31	29
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	14	11	16
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	17	23	19

SOUTH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Grace A. Smith.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$40 00	\$40 00	\$40 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	29	33	32
Average membership,	25	27	27
Average attendance,	21	23	22
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	0	1	0
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	29	32	32

SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Lizzie E. Hadley.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$42 00	\$42 00	\$42 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	48	53	51
Average membership,	44	46	40
Average attendance,	41	43	37
No. of pupils between 7 and 14 years,	33	29	26
No. of pupils under 7 years of age,	15	24	24
No. of pupils over 14 years of age,	0	0	1

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Harriet M. Cutler.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$42 00	\$42 00	\$42 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	34	36	32
Average membership,	33	33	31
Average attendance,	28	30	27
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	0	0	0
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	28	31	29
No. of pupils under 7 years of age,	6	5	3

EAST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Mary E. Batchelder.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$40 00	\$40 00	\$40 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	37	26	25
Average membership,	34	25	24
Average attendance,	31	24	21
Number of pupils over 15 years of age,	3	0	1
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	28	21	20
No. of pupils under 7 years of age,	6	5	4

WEST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Kate B. Symonds.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teacher per month,	\$40 00	\$40 00	\$40 00
Length of term in months,	3	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	34	33	26
Average membership,	30	27	23
Average attendance,	28	25	20
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	2	0	1
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	26	28	22
No. of pupils under 7 years of age,	6	5	3

NORTH SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Jessie M. Doty, Spring term.

" " Frances A. Jackson, Fall term.

" " Eliza H. Cushing, Winter term.

	Spring term	Fall term	Winter term
Wages of teachers per month,	\$42 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Length of term in months,	3	2 3-4	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	28	23	22
Average membership,	25	20	20
Average attendance,	24	16	17
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	1	1	1
No. between 7 and 14 years of age,	21	18	18
No. of pupils under 7 years of age,	6	4	3

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOR ONE YEAR.

South Grammar School, Mary E. Moon.

South Intermediate School, Florence M. Goodridge.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE NOT LESS THAN ONE
NOR MORE THAN TWO TERMS.

South Grammar School—Granville C. Gibney, Ralph W. Porter, George T. Copp, Gertrude K. Weston, Sadie A. Dodge, Myra A. Sawyer, Charita W. Vernard, Rachel M. Hollingshead.

South Intermediate School—Chester B. Gibney, Lawrence H. Striley, Frank H. Tuck, Shannon Vernard, William R. Chandler, J. Lyle Roberts, Ella W. Chandler, Grace G. Blake, Elsie M. Peterson, Nellie C. Goodridge, Hepsey G. Roberts.

South Primary School—Justin A. Fitz, Frank J. Burton, Percy W. Burton, F. Arthur Rackliffe, Vernon Crossthwaite, Charles Hollingshead, Florence R. Shaller, Louise M. Rackliffe.

Center School—Frank H. Poole, P. Gordon Green, David Fisher, Cornelius Buckley, John Buckley, Maurice Buckley, Clara D. Haraden, Mary Buckley, Margaret Fisher, Jane Fisher, Bernice J. Andrews.

East School—Lester M. Whipple, Helen H. Dodge, Gertrude K. Weston.

North School—Leverett L. Durkee.

West School—Robert L. Dodge, John Beaulier, Elizabeth W. Carroll, Nellie Hart, Annie H. Hart.

As our school year is not coincident with the fiscal year, we have to consider the closing term of the several schools first.

This term began March 28 and closed June 17. On the closing week the committee visited all the schools, finishing the work Thursday in order that the closing day might be used as a visiting day by parents and others who might wish to attend.

"Examination Day," at the close of our school year, replete with its recitations, songs, dialogues, and other interesting matter for the purpose of showing the work of the year, has become a thing of the past. Written examinations at stated times, covering the entire school year, together with a general knowledge of the consecutive work of each school, afford a better means by which to decide as to the value of the work which has been done.

Fortunately the work of the term was not interrupted by any change of teachers, and all the schools closed with fairly good records.

During the summer vacation the committee was busy preparing for the next school year which was to open in September.

Miss Doty, who had done splendid work three years in the North school, had informed the committee that she would not return.

As soon as it was known that there was a vacancy in one of our schools, many teachers applied for the situation. After meeting quite a number of applicants, Miss Frances A. Jackson was engaged for one trial term. She entered upon her work at the opening of the term in good earnest, and gave promise of doing fairly well. But after a few weeks the school was broken up by whooping cough. The school was closed at the end of the eleventh week, and Miss Jackson resigned.

The committee decided not to open the school again until the subsidence of the contagious disease. In the meantime Miss Eliza H. Cushing, who had six years' experience in un-graded work, was engaged for one trial term. The school was opened December 13; most of the scholars being able to return.

Miss Cushing is an efficient teacher and is doing good work.

The teachers of all the other schools were re-elected and entered upon their work at the opening of the school year.

The schools have been under constant supervision by the committee, and material improvement in several directions has been effected.

The new text books in history and geography, which were introduced last year, have met our fullest expectations and have given added interest to these studies.

The teachers have been faithful to their duties and merit the praise of all who are interested in the welfare of our schools. The year has been a successful one and much good work has been done. Impossibilities have not been attempted; no teacher can make bright talent where it does not exist; she must take the child as he is, take him as he has been endowed by nature, and give him the light of knowledge as he is able to receive it. No one has a better knowledge of the mental power of each pupil in the school than does a faithful teacher.

The committee, also, in various ways come into possession of this knowledge, and have to take it into account in making up the work of the year.

We are trying to give our children as good facilities as are possible in a country town to improve whatever talents they have.

One problem confronts the committee that is difficult to solve. How shall we prepare our pupils for entrance to High School? It is extremely difficult to do it in the un-graded schools where there are so many different grades and classes.

If we had pupils enough to open a school for ninth grade work in the school room at the Town Hall, and still leave the several schools with a sufficient number of scholars, it might be well to do so. But it was not a practical thing to do at the opening of the present school year.

Then there is the question of transportation. Shall pupils be conveyed from the several school districts, a distance of from one to four miles, to the centre of the town. An experiment is being tried this year, and five scholars from the East school have been sent to the South grammar school to take ninth grade work. This attendance being compulsory, transportation was furnished by the committee, having in this case the benefit of

scholars' tickets over the B. & M. Railroad, the rate being very low; costing only about six cents a day for each pupil. But when the transportation would have to be by carriage, at a cost of twenty-five or fifty cents a day for each scholar, the committee feels that the matter must be given careful consideration.

Of the value of a school for ninth grade work, whether a pupil ever goes beyond that or not, the committee are fully satisfied, and believe that one should be established at the earliest practical time. Last year a few scholars from the West district were given permission to attend the South grammar school and several are attending the present year.

This year has been the initial one for the systematic introduction of music into all our schools. Two hundred dollars having been appropriated for this purpose, the committee engaged Mr. Arthur E. French as teacher of music, and arranged with him to visit all the schools once each week, occupying about one-half hour in each school. Mr. French has been faithful to his work, and in view of the progress which has been made the committee desires its continuance next year.

In our report last year, attention was called to the probable alteration and strengthening of some of the school laws by the legislature at the request of the State Board of Education. This has been done, and material improvement has been made in several sections, and went into effect September 1, 1898. In order to work in perfect harmony with these laws the committee revised the rules and regulations for the government of our schools. These rules are printed on the report cards, so that every teacher, scholar and parent may know what they are and can in no case plead ignorance of them.

The committee earnestly recommend the removal of the Old South school house, and that an appropriation be made to place a fence around the entire school lot. There should also be some trees set out, and the grounds be put in good order. This cannot be well done while the old house remains on the lot.

The Centre school house is very much in need of new desks, and should have a new floor. An appropriation of two

hundred dollars is recommended for this purpose, or to take any part of it to seat the school room in the Town Hall and remove the Center school to that room.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. K. KNOWLTON, }
A. L. WHIPPLE, } School Committee.
JESSE G. NICHOLS, }

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen:—I have visited several schools and otherwise investigated forty-six cases calling for my official attention. I wish to say that I have been kindly received by all parents and others on whom I have been obliged to call.

GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

Hamilton, Feb. 18, 1899.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen:—I have not been called on as truant officer, and therefore have no cases to report.

STEPHEN A. GWINN.

Hamilton, Feb. 20, 1899.

CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1898-9.

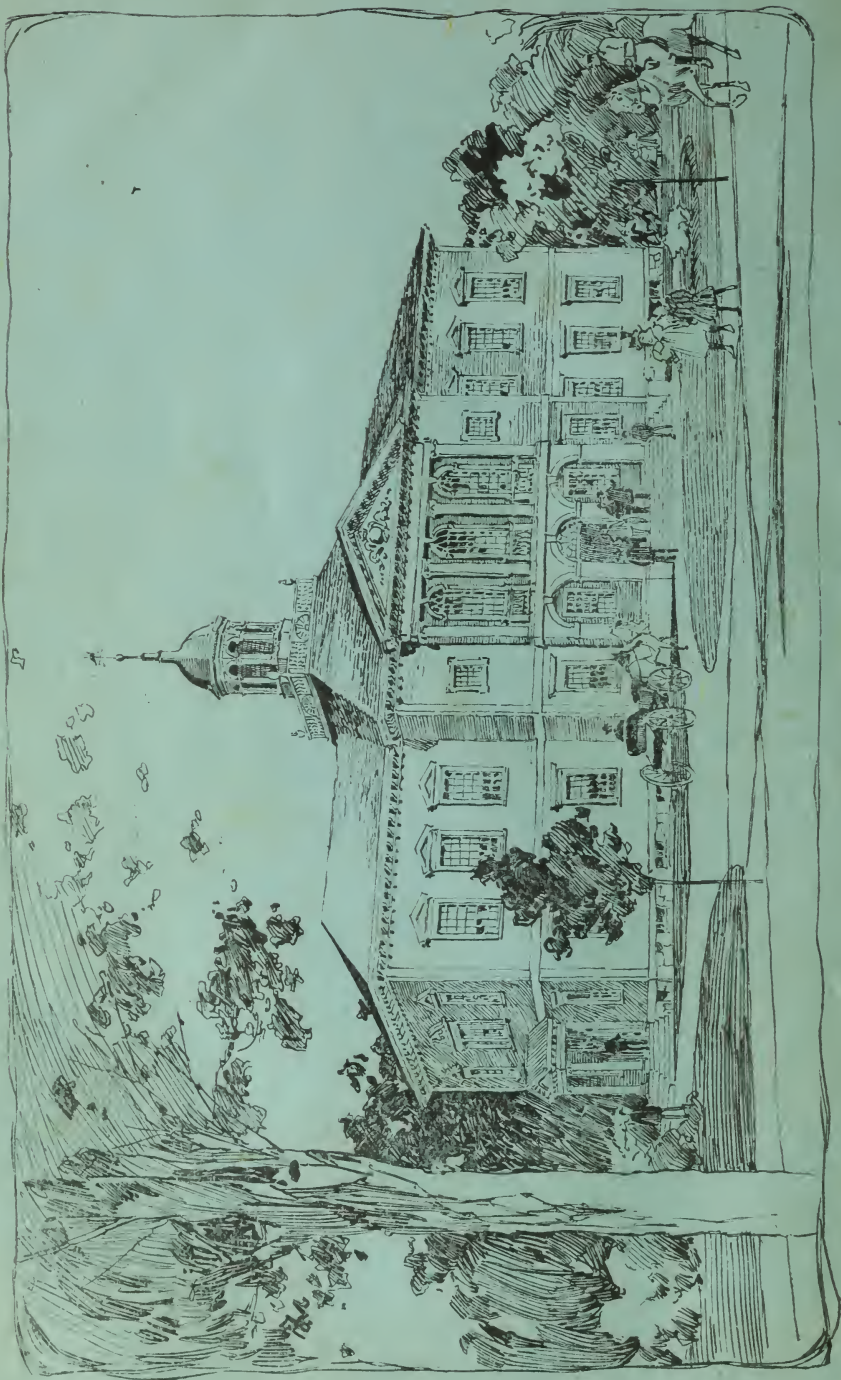
Fall Term, 12 weeks—Opens September 6, 1898, closes November 23, 1898.

Winter Term, 14 weeks—Opens November 28, 1898, closes March 10, 1899.

Spring Term, 12 weeks—Opens March 27, 1899, closes June 16, 1899.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

May 1, 1898, Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	242
May 1, 1897, Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	240
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Increase in one year,	2



TOWN HALL, HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS.